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SUBJ: US-EC DIALOGUE: CSCE WORKING GROUP MEETING, COPENHAGEN,
APRIL 3-4: EVALUATION OF BELGRADE

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1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH POLCOUNS YESTERDAY, MFA'S CHIEF OF EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, WILLIAM FRIIS-MOLLER, (WHOSE MANDATE INCLUDES CSCE), BRIEFLY DESCRIBED THE EC CSCE WORKING GROUP MEETING HERE. HE SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION HAD BEEN "QUITE LIVELY" AND FREEWHEELING. IT SOON APPEARED CLEAR THAT THE WORKING GROUP'S ORIGINAL DRAFT ASSESSMENT OF BELGRADE WOULD NOT SERVE AS A VEHICLE FOR AGREEMENT AMONG THE NINE. DRAWING ON THIS MEETING, THE DANES WILL PREPARE A NEW DRAFT WHICH WILL BE CIRCULATED VIA THE COREU TELEX LINK AMONG CAPITALS EARLY NEXT WEEK IN PREPARATION FOR THE EXCHANGES AT NATO APRIL 27.

2. FRIIS-MOLLER SAID THAT CONSENSUS WAS OBTAINED, HOWEVER, IN THREE GENERAL AREAS (THE FIRST TWO COINCIDE WITH US VIEWS
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SET OUT IN REFTEL):
(A) THE EXPERIENCE AT BELGRADE SHOWS THAT GREATER COORDINATION AMONG THE ALLIES IS NEEDED IN ADVANCE OF MADRID.

(B) THE ALLIES TABLED TOO MANY NEW PROPOSALS AT BELGRADE.

(C) THE US OVERPLAYED ITS HUMAN RIGHTS CARDS AT BELGRADE.

(POLCOUNS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF THIS SUBJECT TO THE U.S.)

3. FRIIS-MOLLER ADDED THAT SOME OF THE NINE, ESPECIALLY THE FRENCH, BELIEVED THAT BELGRADE SHOWED THAT THE ALLIES WERE MISTAKEN IN TREATING THE NEUTRALS AND NON-ALIGNED (NNA) AS A BLOC AND THAT AT MADRID ALLIES SHOULD FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION ON "PRO-WESTERN" NNAS SUCH AS SWEDEN AND AUSTRIA.

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